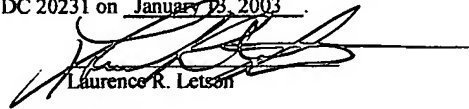


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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING CONNECTORS

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, after line 3,

line 5,

line 16,

line 19,

Page 8, line 2,

line 9,

Insert – The connector 12 is attached to
flange 24 by fasteners 26.-;

Before “bolt” insert – fastener or -;

Delete “Foot” and insert –Holding member
or foot--;

After “support 38” insert – or base member
38--;

Delete “38” and insert – 28 --,

After “by” insert –an actuating assembly or–
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